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1. "A difficult food situation exists today in Shanghai resulting in stringent rationing and soaring prices of foodstuffs. Scarcity of meat on the market forced people to register a week in advance in order to purchase meat. The price of pork was prohibitive. Lard, oil and kerosene were rationed. Shanghai schools teaching English for four hours a day were ordered to cut down the time to an hour daily. Other foodstuffs on the ration list in Shanghai are milk, sugar, tea, and other normal requirements, also, White Rice. Communist soldiers armed with tommy guns patrol street corners in the city. Last week on Lappa Island, a few hundred yards off on the western side of Macau, Communist motor launches opened fire on a couple of fishing junks, and their shots wounded two Communist fishing folks; they protested to their authorities resulting in four of those responsible for the firing being arrested."

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2. "The first shipment of 50 tons of Newsprint arrived [redacted] from Communist China. It was offered at 38 Hkg cents per lb. Buyers were not interested because its quality was very poor. [redacted]"

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